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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED April 16, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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May 9, 2007

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2007.

In the Action, restriction is required between:

- (I) Claims 1-15, identified in the Action as drawn to a method of charging a battery, classified in class 429, subclass 50;
- (II) Claims 17-18, identified in the Action as drawn to a lithium secondary battery having specific characteristics of the negative electrode, classified in class 429, subclass 231.96; and
- (III) Claims 19-20, identified in the Action as drawn to a

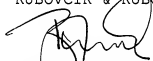
lithium secondary battery having specific characteristics of the positive electrode, classified in class 429, subclass 245.

Applicants elect the subject matter of group (I), claims 1-15, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that the applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2007. A favorable action on the merits of the elected subject matter is believed to be in order and is respectfully solicited.

In the event any fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,
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